

The content provided by XM Satellite Radio, with respect to traffic and weather, has been invaluable to me as an XM radio subscriber. NAB's 04-160 is plainly wrong - XM provides quality that I willingly *pay* for. I make the choice and pay the bill each month because this is a worthwhile service that I cannot find elsewhere. My only alternatives are weather and traffic spots on commercial broadcast radio that amount to little more than 15 seconds of inapplicable information cushioned by 45 seconds of advertising in support of that useless information; more than useless, it is absurd.

I pay the bills, and I, like many others, will pay for the choice. Let us make it. NAB has no place here, and its credibility is weakened by its presence in this debate. NAB has its place; this is not it. If it ever wants public (and specifically XM) support, this decision is unfortunate, and frankly shortsighted, to say the least.

It is my hope that the FCC will reject NAB's petition. This comes from someone who pays for radio content directly, not through the indirect product support of traditional radio.

Thanks,

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